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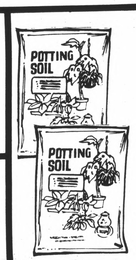

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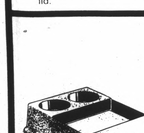

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Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

As a general rule, I like summer and rarely complain about the heat. However, I do have a list of things I dislike about summer . . . such as: gnats, yellow jackets, gnats, horseflies, gnats, jaybirds, violent thunderstorms, beetles, gnats.

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Have you noticed how much improvement of property is going on in and around Appomattox? Paint jobs and general repair, as well as constant attention to lawns. With skilled workmanship by a friend with a power saw and other gear, did a lot of pruning and general clean-up on my lots Saturday.

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The vast majority of our people try to make Appomattox look nice. And when I say "Appomattox" I refer to the entire area.

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Garden report: I have three hills of watermelons and first there were a few blossoms, runners, and now I have found a tiny watermelon two inches long. And since I discouraged the honeysuckle choking my fig tree, it has taken on new life and just may bear fruit later on. Sunflowers are a couple of feet tall and being checked daily by a covey of blackbirds.

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In my Dan library I have a copy of The Talmud and other Sacred Books of The East. Sheba brought to King Solomon two bouquets of flowers, one of real flowers and the other of artificial flowers. So lifelike were the artificial flowers, none could tell which was which. In his wisdom King Solomon solved the matter. He ordered windows opened to let in the bees. They went straight to the real flowers.

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Speaking of bees, there was a Beekeepers area convention in Appomattox Saturday. I did not attend, but on returning home from a trip to the post office, found at my front door a jar of honey, a gift from one of those attending the meeting, Mrs. Frances Burgess, of Lynchburg. Thanks.

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Random thought . . . whatever happened to the practice of placing "scarecrows" in gardens and crop fields?

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In 1977, 263,000 visitors stopped by the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park.

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July 28 - 29 will be Annual Pony Penning and Round-up days at famous Chincoteague Island, off Virginia's Eastern Shore. And another travel item . . . Luray Caverns were discovered August 13, 1878 and since then there have been over twenty million visitors. And over at Lexington, a $250,000 restoration project is being undertaken at Stonewall Jackson's home.

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Am still going over a box of newspaper clippins saved by the late State Senator S. L. Ferguson, loaned me by his daughter, Mrs. Rachel Lawson. Many of the articles and editorials reflected the close friendship existing between Sen. Ferguson and the late Governor and Senator Harry Flood Byrd, Sr.

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More history . . . until 1842 Chatham was named Competition, because of the problem in selection which available lot should be used for the location of the new court house.

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Thanks for reading and I urge you to support our Rescue Squad, volunteer firemen and to read all the ads and news in today's issue and keep smiling by cool until we meet again.

Photo by Joe Vaughan

Woodmen of the World Organization Makes Big Donation To Rescue Squad

Woodman of the World Camp 71 and Woodman of the World Grove 6083 have recently made a big donation to the Appomattox County Rescue Squad. This fine organization has donated funds to purchase a LIFEPAK 5 heart monitor and the Via Phone box that is used with this equipment to transmit cardiograms to the coronary care unit at a hospital in Lynchburg.

In the above photo, R. B. Moore (far right) is shown presenting check for the $3500 equipment to Ray Noble, Training Officer of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad. Other members of the WOW organization shown in photo are, left to right, Cecil Deaner, Floyd Fleshman, and Steve Marshall. Fourth from the left is Jimmy Rogers, Captain of the Rescue Squad, holding the Via Phone box; and next to him is "Pete" Doss, Rescue Squad's 1st Lieutenant, holding the Lifepak 5 monitor.

Mrs. Margie Doss Rieder is president of the WOW Grove 6073 and Mr. Harry Ransom is president of the WOW Camp 71.

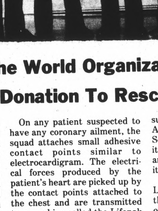
With this donation from the Woodmen of the World, the Appomatox County Rescue Squad now has two emergency vehicles with the equipment necessary to monitor patients while en route to a hospital.

On any patient suspected to have any coronary ailment, the squad attaches small adhesive contact points similar to electrocardigram. The electrical forces produced by the patient's heart are picked up by the contact points attached to the chest and are transmitted to a machine called the Lifepak 5. The LifePak 5 registers the signals on an oscilloscope for constant monitoring in the vehicle with the capability of printing the heart signal out on paper. This signal is transferred to a Via Phone which is a device that converts the electrical signals to a sound signal. The sound signal is transmitted to the coronary care unit of a Lynchburg hospital where the sound is converted back to an electrical signal where it may be read on an oscilloscope or electrocardiographic paper. This means that every cardiac patient is being monitored by trained personnel in the coronary care unit where instructions, if necessary, may be given to the rescue squad personnel at the appropriate time. Physicians at the hospital may have advance warning of what the problem may be so that they may be better prepared to deal with the situation when the patient arrives at the hospital.

The first cardiac telemetry success was declared by the Appomattox County Rescue Squad in August of 1976 when it purchased the first LifePak 5 and Via Phone and began using it.

With the use of the second LifePak 5 equipment, the gift of the Woodmen of the World organization, volunteer members of the local rescue squad feel that thay can now serve the citizens of the county even more efficiently. The gift from the WOW was not just to the rescue squad, but to the people of the County of Appomattox.

Armstrong Furniture Company Names Safety & Training Manager



Samuel R. Martin

Samuel R. Martin, a native of Lynchburg, has been named to the position of Safety and Training Manager at Armstrong Furniture Company's Appomattox plant.

A 1968 graduate of Old Dominion University with a major in education, Martin taught for eight years in Campbell County Schools and for the past two years has been a teacher in the Appomattox County Public Schools.

Martin and his wife, Susan, are the parents of a son, Ben, age 4 years; and a daughter, Lissa, age 8 years.

He assumed his duties at the Armstrong Plant effective the first week in July.

Carole C. Miller Appointed Deputy Clerk

Barbara R. Williams, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Appomattox County, has announced the appointment of Carole C. Miller as Deputy Clerk effective July 1, 1978.

Mrs. Miller has been employed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court since August 1976. Prior to accepting the position here, she was employed with Dr. P. G. Dillard, Jr., Radiology Consultants in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Miller attended Longwood College. She is married to Jimmy Miller of Pamplin and they are the parents of two children.

Canneries To Operate Full Week

The Appomattox and Pamplin Canneries will operate Monday through Friday of each week beginning July 31, in an announcement made by Lloyd G. Walton, Superintendent of Schools for Appomattox County. The increased volume of food processed and the demand for use of the cannery facilities has justified the expansion in the number of days. Weather conditions have been most favorable this year, and families in Appomattox County seem to be preservation conscious this year.

Figures for food processed so far this month are running ahead of the past three years for the same period of time. It is now anticipated that the canning season will be up to normal for the canneries in Appomattox County.

Manage To Prevent Farm Accidents

Success in farming requires good management. To help farmers continuing success your local Extension Staff urges you, during National Farm Safety Week, July 25-31, 1978, to make accident prevention a management goal.

•Read and heed product manuals and labels.

•Inspect all equipment and facialities, correcting hazards when possible.

•Take needed precautions before starting work - - see that equipment is OK, shields are in place, needed personal protective equipment is worn, etc.

•Train helpers, then see that they do things right.

•Respect your physical and mental limitations each work day.

•Keep children off and away from machinery.

•Discourage the elderly or visitors from using equipment requiring advanced skills or strenous work.

•Buy safe products and take good care of them.

•Be ready for medical, accident, fire and weather emergencies.

•Keep informed about safety; up-to-date information is available to you, as a public service, through your local Extension Office. Keep your farm successful by keeping it successfully safe.

HIGHT DOTSON GETS HOLE-IN-ONE

Hight Dotson recorded his first ace on the par 3 third hole at Falling River Country Club last Wednesday. Dotson playing with T. T. Martin used an 8 iron on the 150 yard hole.

Lions Club To Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at Maudes Restaurant.

An interesting program will be presented by Raymond C. Dickerson on the history of pipe manufacturing in Appomattox County during the regular meeting.

Mr. Dickerson will have on display examples of pipes made in what was at one time the world's largest clay pipe plant.

All members will want to be present for this interesting program.

Paperworkers Union Seeks To Organize Thomasville Plant

Union President Is Indicted On Charges of Embezzlement

The President of the United Paperworkers Union was indicted July 19th on charges of embezzling $360,000 in union funds and using part of the money to try to derail a federal investigation of his conduct.

The Paperworkers Union currently represents employees in firms that manufactures paper, boxes, and other paper products and has recently indicated that it will attempt to organize workers at the Thomasville Furniture Industries plant here in Appomattox.

A federal grand jury in Brooklyn, New York charged that Joseph Tonelli, president of the 300,000 member union, and union treasurer Henry Segal hired two Atlanta attorneys to intervene with officials of the Justice Department on their behalf.

The grand jury charged that the 70 year-old Tonelli and the 60 year-old Segal paid $50,000 to the Atlanta law firm of Swift, Currie, McGhee and Hiers to obtain the services of two of its members, Irwin W. Stolz, Jr. and W. Homer Drake, Jr.

There was no indication of what, if anything, might have been done on behalf of Tonelli. Officials said the investigation which led to these indictments is continuing.

The first indictment charged that from January 4 to March 2 Tonelli and Segal embezzled $50,000 in union funds and paid it to the Atlanta law firm for the purpose of hiring attorneys "to intercede on defendants personal behalf with officials of the United States Department of Justice in connection with the grand jury investigation."

Thomas Buccio, in charge of the federal Organized Crime Strike Force in Brooklyn, New York, said the initial 28-count indictment also accuses Tonelli and Segal of embezzling more than $290,000 in union funds from August 1, 1973 to March 2, 1978, together with an unindicted co-conspirator, Jack Stone who was not further identified.

Tonelli is further charged in the first indictment with embezzling $20,000 by submitting false expense accounts to the union. With the payment to the law firm, the total involved is $360,000.

Conviction in the first indictment carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison under labor racketeering statues, plus five years on the embezzlement counts.

The announcement that the Paperworkers would attempt to organize Thomasville employees in Appomattox was made by Arnold Brown who heads Region 4 (which includes Virginia) of the United Paperworkers International Union and first appeared in the ROANOKE TIMES & WORLD NEWS on June 21, 1978.

The Paperworkers got a foothold in the furniture industry when the Mead Company, the large Lynchburg paper manufacturer, bought Stanley Furniture Company. Even though workers voted in the Paperworkers at Stanley, a local has never been active there.

Retired Commander In State Police Dies

Captain William W. Blythe, 68, retired commanding officer of Virginia State Police Third Division, Appomattox, died Friday in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Blythe joined the state police on June 4, 1935, and was first assigned to Norfolk. He was transferred to Front Royal and promoted to sergeant.

As sergeant, he was assigned to the Fredericksburg area, and assure continuing success your in 1940 returned to Norfolk as lieutenant. In 1942, he was transferred to Culpeper.

Blythe's service with the state police was interrupted by World War II.

After the war he returned from the Army to Virginia and in December of 1953 was promoted to captain and transferred to Appomattox. He served as commanding officer until September 1, 1969.

He was a member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Appomattox.

Employee Benefits Upgraded By Thomasville Furniture Ind.

Improved vacations, paid holidays, and upgraded insurance coverage were included among employee benefit changes announced July 21st by Thomasville Furniture Industries.

According to Tom A. Finch, president of Thomasville Furniture Industries, the vacation and holiday improvements are being made in response to the trend throughout industry toward providing employees with more time off with pay.

"Among the improved insurance benefits is higher medical insurance coverage to protect employees and their families against the rapidly-rising costs of health care." Finch said. "Also included is a significant improvement in weekly accident and sickness benefits."

"We believe the strengthened insurance coverage together with the wage adjustment we have scheduled to go into effect on July 31, will go a long way toward offsetting the effects of the sharply-rising inflation we are now experiencing in this country," Finch said. "Also,the additional time off with pay is something that's of great interest to employees and their families today, and we believe it's important to reflect that interest in our benefit programs."

The new benefits will apply to all Thomasville Furniture Industries employees except those employees at the company's West Jefferson Plant who are represented by a recently-certified union. "Wages and benefits for bargaining unit members at West Jefferson are mandatory subjects for negotiations with the union as required by law," he said.

Competency Tests Required Before H. S. Graduation

Questions ranging from how to multiply fractions to how to interpret a road map will be asked of Virginia's public school tenth graders next fall, and ninth graders the following spring, under a minimum competency testing program approved by the State Board of Education.

Passing competency tests in mathematics and reading will be a requirment for graduation in addition to the completion of 18 units of English, mathematics, history, science and other courses now required before a high school diploma is awarded.

In adopting the program on June 23, the board postponed a decision on whether students who pass the competency tests in the ninth and tenth grades will be required to take similar tests in the twelfth grade.

The board in related actions, also agreed:

To permit school divisions that are already using other minimum competency tests in reading and mathematics to continue using them for the graduating classes of 1981 and 1982. Under the Standards of Quality adopted by the 1978 General Assembly, tests of mathematics and reading skills are required for high school graduation beginning with the 1981 class.

To make the graduation competency tests and scoring services available for purchase by private schools that want to use them for accreditation purposes.

To study and decide within the next several months the scores the students must achieve to pass the tests and the types and levels of diplomas to be awarded.

Tenth graders are to be tested this fall because they will be the first graduating class affected by the General Assembly mandate that reading and mathematics skills be tested.

The program approved by the Board of Education, will require ninth-graders to take the reading and mathematics

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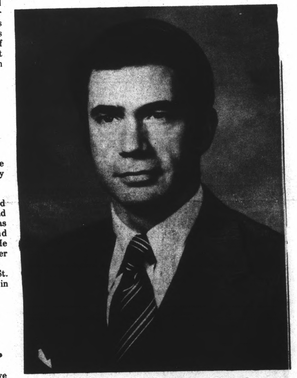

Lt. Governor Chuck Robb Will Serve As Railroad Festival Grand Marshall

Serving as Grand Marshall for the Sixth Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival to be held September 23 and 24 will be Lieutenant Governor Chuck Robb. Robb will speak during the "down-at-the-depot" ceremonies following the parade on Saturday morning.

Robb's ancestors go back ten generations in Virginia's history and come from every region of the state. At least two of his forefathers served in the House of Burgesses in Williamsburg and more recently, his great, great grandfather was Secretary of the Treasury of the Confederacy under Jefferson Davis in Richmond.

The Lieutenant Governor is a 1957 graduate of Mount Vernon High School in Fairffax County where he and his family live now. He attended Cornell University, on a regional scholarship from Virginia, and the University of Wisconsin, on an NROTC (Regular) scholarship, receiving his BBA in 1961. He received his law degree in 1973 from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville where he was elected to the Raven Society and Omicron Delta Kappa. He received the University's 1973 Raven Award and was honored by the Seven Society.

Chuck Robb has been affiliated with the military for over 20 years. In college, he was the Student Commander of all ROTC units on campus, finished first in his NROTC Class and set a record for the number of awards received by a graduating senior. He began his active duty with the Marine Corps in 1961 by winning the Mameluke Sword - for finishing first in his class at Quantico, in competition with newly-commissioned officers from all over the country. By the time he left active duty in 1970 to attend law school his assignments had included command of an infantry company in combat in Vietnam, duty as a social aide at the White House, and the chief administrative responsibility for a nationwide college recruiting program for Marine officers. His ten decorations and awards include the Bronze Star with Combat V and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star. In 1977, he was selected as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

He began his legal career at the U. S. Court of Appeals in Richmond with a judicial clerkship to Judge D. Butzner, Jr., after which he became associated with the law firm headed by Edward Bennett Williams.

Robb serves on boards and councils at the University of Virginia, the University of Richmond, and the Hampton Institute of Technology as well as the Boy Scouts of America, the American Cancer Society, and the United Way of Virginia. He is also vice president of a family communications business, a board member of a family foundation, and Executive Vice President of the Northern Virginia Broadcasting Company in Fairfax.

Politically, he serves on Democratic committees from the precinct level to the State Central Committee, and served as Deputy General Counsel to the Platform Committee for the 1976 Democratic National Convention.

In winning the Lieutenant Governor's race in the Democratic Primary, he overcame two formidable members of the

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